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1. From 8 to 15 May 1953, the former Fuesilier Kaserne in Rostock was occupied by officers, NCOs and training personnel of the division. The personnel quartered there amounted to about the personnel strength of a regiment. An estimate made on 15 May indicated 9 field officers, 256 officers and 484 men wearing red collar patches. A total of 96 officers was employed with units while 160 had still no distinct function. The troops were chiefly employed on fatigue duty and only rarely received drill.¹
2. Officers included Colonel Bleck (fnu), chief of the Territorialverwaltung, about 40 years old, former professional officer; Lieutenant Colonel Wildner (fnu), division commander, about 34 years old, former professional officer; Major Frauendorfer (fnu), chief of staff of the division, about 28 years of age. Officers of unknown assignment included Lieutenant Colonel Schaeffer (fnu), 29 years of age; Major Wick (fnu), 40 years of age; Captain Max (fnu), 40 years of age; Senior Lieutenant Kirchhof (fnu), 35 years of age; and Lieutenant Volbrecht (fnu), 25 years of age.²
3. Prior to 15 May 1953, only small arms, light machine guns and heavy machine guns were seen at the installation. Seven 122-mm guns with split-trails arrived on 15 May. They were towed by seven new, 3-axle 65-type trucks

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5. An instruction course for officers in charge of interior duty which was conducted at the installation by Major Krusbert (fnu) was still under way. About half of the students had, however, gradually been called to their units.

6. Source learned that an officer named Kirchner (fnu) was made commanding officer of the division stationed in Karpin. Source's informant stated that another officer was executed because of an attempt on Kirchner's life. The division was scheduled to soon move to the Czech border.⁵

7. From 6 May to 5 June 1953, the Fuesilier Kaserne in Rostock was occupied by about 1,800 KVP troops who, according to a railroad man, came from Dessau. Sixty percent were officers and 40 percent were personnel. Groups of from 8 to 10 unarmed soldiers carrying baggage arrived during the period of observation. The troops wore claret service color. There was only little training activity.¹

8. At 7:30 p.m. on 5 June 1953, 8 ZIS-3 model-42, 76-mm field guns and 6 mortars of about 80-mm caliber were unloaded at the freight station by KVP and were subsequently taken to the Fuesilier Kaserne.²

1. Comment. In April and May 1953, a so-called infantry unit subordinate to TV 5000 in Schwerin was activated in Rostock.

The infantry unit in Rostock consisted of personnel detached from the cadre units in Dessau-Kochstedt and Burg. Claret is the service color of the KVP infantry. It is doubted that 60 percent of the troops should be officers. The strength of about 1,800 soldiers may be correct.

2. Comment. Colonel Block is stationed in Schwerin as chief of TV 5000. Lieutenant Colonel Wildner was commanding officer of cadre unit in Dessau-Kochstedt until April 1953. As he is referred to as commanding officer of the division, there is reason for believing that the infantry unit in Rostock is a cadre unit of a division.

3. Comment. This information tends to indicate that an artillery unit is attached to the infantry unit in Rostock. This may also be true with the other units of TV 5000 in Sternbuchholz and in the Kliestz-Premnitz-Rathenow area. The infantry units probably also included signal units, engineer units and reconnaissance units of the dissolved cadre units. Each Territorialverwaltung has, in addition to the three infantry units, 1 artillery regiment, 1 AAA regiment and 1 tank regiment. The artillery regiment of TV 5000 is located in Gloewen, the AAA regiment in Kirchmoeser, and the tank regiment in Burg. The

4. Comment.

5. Comment. Lieutenant Colonel Kirchner was previously reported as commanding officer of the 3d Mecz Regt of the division in Eggesin which was stationed in Rostock up to April 1953. Colonel Weiss has been commanding officer of the division in Eggesin.

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